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Issues raised in connection with the recommendations contained in the Secretary-General's report (A/55/637)

A. Short-term measures

1. Incorporate the key provisions from the 1994 Convention in the status-of-forces or status-of-mission agreements concluded between the United Nations and States in whose territories peacekeeping operations are deployed, as well as in host country agreements.

2. Devise a procedure to initiate a "declaration" by the Security Council or the General Assembly.

B. Other measures

3. Designating the Secretary-General as the "certifying authority" for purposes of attesting to the fact of: (i) a "declaration" by the Security Council or the General Assembly; (ii) an "agreement" between the United Nations and a non-governmental organization; and (iii) the status of a United Nations and associated personnel.

4. Empowering the Secretary-General instead of or in addition to the Security Council and the General Assembly as competent to declare whether a particular operation involves an exceptional risk by amending the Convention.

5. Extending the scope of the Convention to all United Nations operations by amending the Convention.

6. Extending the scope of the Convention to include all United Nations and associated personnel, including the personnel of humanitarian non-governmental organizations, dispensing with the requirement for a "contractual" link between their organizations and the United Nations.

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